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1. (Secret - JMM) Mr. Cord Meyer, ADDP, and I joined Mr. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and Richard T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, in meeting with House Speaker Carl Albert regarding proposed legislation for the funding of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mr. Abshire explained the problem and the Speaker seemed completely sympathetic. He noted the danger that amendments from the floor might complicate the problem, and recommended that attempts be made to get the legislation on the Consent Calendar or that a "closed rule" be obtained. He indicated either course would have his support.

2. (Secret - JMM) Mr. Meyer and I then met with Senator Milton Young to inform him of our plans regarding legislation for the funding of the Radios and seek his cooperation. He said such legislation would probably come before Senator McClellan's Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Judiciary of the Senate Appropriations Committee, in which case he thought we could expect a sympathetic hearing.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Made an appointment to meet with Senator George McGovern on Thursday, 29 April, to respond orally to his letter to the Director inquiring about Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic.

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4. (Unclassified - GLC) Scott Cohen, in the office of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), called and asked if we could arrange a personnel interview for [REDACTED] who was interested in employment prospects here. Cohen said [REDACTED] has had editorial experience and feels she would be interested in and qualified for work in [REDACTED]. An appointment was made for her to see Mr. [REDACTED] at 9 a.m., Friday, 30 April.

5. (Unclassified - GLC) Mrs. Dora McCracken, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, called to say that one of their members had asked the staff to pull together information on the CIA budget or anything else available on intelligence organizations. I told Mrs. McCracken information on the Agency budget was classified and I said I would send her copies of our Agency pamphlet and the Director's speech of 14 April. I also suggested she check with the House Appropriations Committee for testimony which was released on the DIA budget.

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6. (Confidential - GLC) I checked again with Mr. Bill Casselman's office at the White House about clearing our reply to Representative Koch's letter on personal files. I was advised Mr. Casselman's office was expecting a decision on this today and hopefully they will be in touch with us tomorrow.

7. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called and expressed some concern about cable traffic on the Moose-Lowenstein trip in connection with an appearance by Under Secretary of State John Irwin before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Monday. According to Symmes the traffic indicates that Irwin will be confronted with questions about [redacted] in Laos when he appears before the Committee. Symmes was suggesting that the Director, or someone from the Agency, talk to Senator Fulbright to "turn this off." After checking with [redacted] Chief, FE, I told Symmes [redacted] impression from conversation with Mark Pratt, in the Department, was that Dave Abshire would be covering this in his meeting with Senator Fulbright on Friday. Symmes tried to press on the point of having the Director take this up with Fulbright and I responded that the Director was in no position to ask to talk with Fulbright about control of hearings with a State Department witness. Symmes said he would talk further with Abshire about this.

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8. (Secret - JGO) Accompanied Mr. Carl Duckett, DDS&T, and Mr. Dave Brandwein, FMSAC, to a meeting with Representative George Miller (D., Calif.), Chairman of House Science and Astronautics Committee, for an updating of information previously supplied the Chairman on Soviet space vehicles. Mr. Duckett also briefed Chairman Miller on current information available on Salyut space mission. Chairman Miller will be leaving this weekend for an international conference on space in Rome, Italy.

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10. (Unclassified - LLM) In response to her inquiry last week, spoke to Betsy Krieger, in the office of Senator Harrison Williams (D., N.J.), concerning Radio Free Asia and suggested she might want to contact State, FBI, or IRS. She seemed to be completely understanding that we had no jurisdiction whatsoever on domestic organizations.

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